

# Wichita Eagle

## NATIONAL GAME.

W. I. Harris Discusses the Winter Baseball Situation.

### THE JOHNSON-BRUNELL LETTER.

He Thinks It Has Failed in Its Object. The Boston and Brooklyn Tangles—In-door Baseball in New York—League Teams Would Pay.

The recent "private and confidential" baseball circular, signed by A. L. Johnson and F. H. Brunell, to the effect that the late Players' league has, I think, entirely failed to its intention. Johnson, who has sworn to avenge himself on the National league for its alleged bad treatment of him, inspired Brunell to get up the circular. Both Johnson and Brunell observed with growing alarm and exceeding soreness that the players were gradually falling into line, and they felt that they must do something to avert the League, and stop the general feeling of cordiality slowly but surely asserting itself among the Brotherhood players toward their old employers.

The circular in question contained some vague talk about capitalists having been found who would embark in a resurrected Players' league; some alleged list of treatment which they insisted the League would visit on the players; an effort to prove that the P. L. could, if started again, be profitably conducted; a request that each player name the lowest guaranteed salary which he would play for, and a request that the circular be kept a close secret. This document was sent out just five days, when the Sporting Times printed it exclusively, and it is now public property. In my opinion ball players generally will pay little attention to it.

Johnson's grievance is that the League "threw him down." The story of the other side is that he refused to settle for 64 percent of his losses, and in his attempt to squeeze the League for more he was squeezed himself. Meanwhile the players continue to show their desire to cure all disagreements, as witness the sensible letters of James O'Rourke and others. The late Players' league cannot be resurrected, I think.

The situation has not changed materially during the last few weeks. The Boston triumvirate show no disposition to agree that the Association can establish itself in Boston, and even the eloquence of Spalding appears to have been wasted on the desert air. From what I can learn the Boston league people are trying to buy out their late opponents, but are finding it a difficult job.

Of course under the national agreement the question of an Association club in Boston remains absolutely in the hands of the Boston club, and the National league will not force the triumvirate to agree to it against their will. The unsettled condition of this matter is the only drawback to the meeting of the general conference committee, the settlement of the Association dispute, and the disposition of the players not under contract.

There are rumors that if Boston cannot get the Association will turn its attention to Brooklyn, where Messrs. Byrne and Goodwin cannot come to an agreement. Unless the late Players' league club comes off the very high perch on which it has been rearing, the League is likely to make no arrangements with Byrne at all. It refuses to buy him out, and he refuses to sell out. He will not consolidate unless Eastern park is used for the games, and he is not willing to pay the League people for the tremendous sacrifices they must make to go out to East New York, where the chances are that no club, however good, could make money enough to pay a fair interest on the big capital invested.

If the matter continues to be a question of elevated roads Mr. Byrne may get tired after awhile and let the Players' league capitalists hustle. I think that if he was to consent to the American association putting a club at Eastern park it would not detract from the attendance at the League grounds.

Indoor lacrosse and football in New York would do well financially, judging from the enthusiasm shown in the games played at Madison Square garden during the recent entertainment of the Staten Island Athletic club. They were well fought by amateurs, who landed much prize money for the victors. The attempt to introduce indoor baseball at the same place, played by professionals, was tried last week. It is too early, perhaps, to say what the financial result will be if the sport is continued, but from all appearances the public is not likely to take to professional indoor baseball as a steady diet.

The trouble is that the games are sure to be more or less of a hippodrome, in that the players cannot develop any great personal interest in such an insipid substitute for the regular thing. It is pretty difficult for a crank to get enthusiastic over a game where a player weighing 300 pounds uses a stick made largely of cork against a ball that even an amateur team (average age 18) would discard with scorn on account of its softness. As there is no accounting for public taste, the thing may go with a boom, but the chances are almost even that it will not. If the magnates want a winter snap let them organize teams of lacrosse players among the professionals, and some great sport would be seen.

NOTES OF INTEREST.  
Ad Gumbert has signed an agreement to go to Minneapolis.  
John Ward still hopes to go to Philadelphia to play ball for the Wagner, and the Wagner want him badly.  
J. Palmer O'Neil is still on top in Pittsburgh, but he is riding a very high horse, and one that may kick under him before next season.  
"Willie Bill" McGinnis is trying to get together a New England league.  
Mike Lebane thinks there is no place like New York. On his Columbus record he would have been a failure in New York last season.  
Glasscock and Denny will play on the New York team, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding.  
The dicky birds are singing in Brooklyn, but Charley Byrne does not hear them.  
Charley Elbitt will retain his position of secretary of the Brooklyn club, and will not be the manager, as has been hinted. He is too valuable a man to be changed.  
A strong pressure is being brought to bear to have Crane on the New York team next year.  
Consolidation in New York is now complete. J. B. Day, J. W. Spalding and E. R. Talcott will run the club. The players will not lose their stick, but the stock will lose in value, as ten shares in a \$20,000 corporation becomes somewhat minute in a concern capitalized at \$250,000.

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## MANKIND'S THIRD EYE.

It is Near the Center of the Head and is in Innocuous Descent.

"There is a kind of lizard found in Virginia and Maryland that has three eyes—one of them on the top of his head," said a man of science the other day to a representative of the Star. "It is generally supposed that they are very rare, but, on the contrary, they are quite common. You can find plenty of them if you take the trouble to look. They are green and about three inches long."

Are there any other animals in the world that have three eyes?  
"Lots. For example, you yourself have a third eye, though it has become rudimentary through disuse."

"Where is it?"  
"Just in the middle of your head, as nearly as its location can be described off-hand. Anatomists know it as the 'third eye,' but it is actually an eye that has become rudimentary. Place the tip of your finger just above the bridge of your nose and on the level with your eyes. Directly behind that point about five inches, at the base of the brain, is this gland I speak of, which the ancients used to imagine was the center of consciousness and the seat of the soul. Its structure has lost all resemblance to that of an eye, but you can find it retaining more of its original development in some turtles and other reptiles. With them this gland has still, though in the middle of the head, an actual eye socket, an optic nerve connecting with the visual tract of the brain, and even the pigmentary inner coat, the object of which in all eyes is to absorb light. In the case of the lizard I mentioned this gland is actually located at the top of the head and is useful for seeing with."

"There are quite a number of rudimentary organs in the human body which have become so because nature has no longer any use for them. For example, there is the 'third eye' in the neck, the only usefulness of which seems to be in occasioning the disease known as goitre. People in Savoy and the Tyrol are worst afflicted with this complaint. It is supposed that the water they drink derived from

the melting of the glaciers of the Alps causes the hypertrophy of the thyroid gland, the result of which is an enormous swelling, so that sometimes the unfortunate comes to have a backlike appendage dangling down as far as the waist. There is no known cure for the trouble after it has got well started, though the swelling may be a trifle reduced by injections into its substance. It is a very curious fact that if a human being or any other animal is deprived of this apparently useless gland by cutting it out, there always follows a general degeneration of all the tissues of the body."

"Another seemingly useless organ is the 'supra-renal capsule' attached to each of the kidneys. Its only purpose in a human being appears to be to occasion what is known as 'Addison's disease.' In cases where it gets out of order. In such cases, which are happily rare, the skin of the body loses its natural color and becomes of a muddy brown hue. This 'capsule' is presumably the remains of what was once a secretory organ."

"Then there is the mysterious 'verruform appendix' attached to the small intestine. Once in a while an apple seed or some such thing gets into it, and causes inflammation. Until within the last four or five years such cases were always fatal, but now they are usually cured by cutting open the stomach and removing the appendix. Until very recently operations requiring the cutting open of the body in this way invariably resulted in death, for the reason that germs could not be prevented from getting into the wound and creating subsequent inflammation. But the bacteriologists have taught, through their researches, how such germs may be killed by spraying with antiseptic solutions. The veruform appendix has considerable usefulness among the lower animals. With the cow and other beasts that chew the cud it is a large sac attached to the stomach, and is utilized as a storage reservoir for food that is not needed for immediate consumption."—Washington Star.

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## WHERE WOMEN MUST WORK.

Hardships and Drudgery That "the Weaker Sex" Undergoes in Europe. When one gets into Switzerland the appellation of weaker sex as applied to women seems to be a misnomer. In point of endurance and often even of muscular strength, the peasant women of the remote valley appear quite the equals of the men. One sees them moving on those green, beautiful slopes over which the snow peaks tower, and a party of girls swinging the antique Swiss scythes with their straight snaths, that bend the figure so cruelly, cut broad, even swaths with the regularity of veterans. They do not keep pace with each other across the fields; one seldom sees in the European peasant man or woman, any pronounced signs of emaciation. They do not work with any appearance of haste or conscious outflow of energy, but in slow, plodding, unobtrusive fashion they work hour after hour, beginning by 5:30 in the morning and turning homeward when daylight falls.

To see the starting of hay in the Alpine chalets is to get a new idea of the muscular prowess of women. The crops of the upper slopes are packed in back loads to the little red brown log structures that dot the mountains as high as the cattle can find pasture, and the weight that a woman will lift on the wooden frame that is adjusted to her shoulders and with which she will climb, or which often is harder, will descend to the nearest chalet, dropping her burden through a hole in the roof, from which the shingles and the heavy stones that hold them in place have been removed, is a source of perpetual wonder. When the harvest has been gathered there are back baskets of manure to carry to fit the ground for winter crops, and even the little girls not yet in their teens climb like cats carrying their own little back baskets well loaded.

On the Lake of Lucerne the boat women are characteristic figures. The long, low, black freight barges are pulled from port to port by mixed crews of men and women, from ten to twenty to a boat, who work the heavy sweeps standing. I have counted three women keeping stroke with a dozen men, and again the proportions reversed almost exactly. In the heat of the day the men strip to their waists and the women unlace their bodies and work with bare arms. Occasionally one sees women patching, who pack portions of the luggage of all sorts up and down the main paths for the influx of summer visitors.

In Germany one can nowhere escape the sight of the outdoor labor of woman. Along the flat valley of the middle Rhine the vineyards, the grain patches and the tobacco fields are full of them. In an afternoon's ride the proportion of women getting in the harvest often seems as three to two men. In these fertile lands there is a social, companionable side to the work which one might go far to find paralleled in the fields which stretch between the huddled villages one sees whole families busy.

At one end of the corn strip, under a tree or clump of bushes, stands a baby wagon. Its occupant has learned to take life philosophically, and croons at the blue sky and the green leaves. At the noon hour the midday meal is eaten picnic fashion, with the baby wagon for a center, and the young subject of the knaiser is passed with the black bread from hand to hand.

The leading of the great German hay wagons is always interesting. You will see a known woman, her head tied up in a scarlet kerchief, out of the lead distributing the forks as they are passed up to her. If one woman loads for one man her work is easier, though requiring more skill. But when, as one often sees, two women loads for three or four men she has by far the hardest position. There are few evidences, indeed, of any division of work between man and woman as to the strong and weaker animal. The physical capacity of the woman is counted on, and to all appearance with good reason.—Cor. Pittsburgh Leader.

## The Editor of The Century.

Mr. R. W. Gilder, the editor of The Century Magazine, who has attained a high rank in the world of literature, commenced his literary career as a reporter at a small salary on a Newark newspaper. He is the son of a Methodist minister, and was for a time employed in connection with one of the New Jersey railways in a subordinate position. From the beginning of his newspaper career he displayed the poetic faculty, inasmuch that he invested many of the most trivial items with the "diamonds" of poetry.

Whether the form is slender or plump the rule holds good on an average; any deviation from the rule is a departure from the beauty of proportion. It is claimed that the Greeks made all of their statues according to this rule. The face from the highest point of the forehead, where the hair begins, to the end of the chin is one-tenth of the whole stature; the hand from the wrist to the end of the middle finger is also one-tenth of the total height.

From the crown to the nape of the neck is one-twelfth the stature. If the face from the roots of the hair to the chin be divided into three equal parts, the first division determines the place where the eyebrows should meet, the second the opening of the nostrils. A man of good proportions is as tall as the distance between the tips of his fingers when both arms are extended to full length.—St. Louis Republic.

## Human Proportions.

Edwin Gould is a young giant. He is twice as big as his father, and Mr. Jay Gould is very proud of him. Edwin has the build of a blacksmith. He is an expert fencer, a good horseman and a boxer of no mean skill. Young Gould is a member of the Manhattan Athletic club, and he is not afraid to put on the gloves with the most skillful of the members.

Trainer Dan Donovan, who teaches the Manhattan boys how to box, says that Edwin Gould is a born fighter.

## A Faulty Proverb.

Grice—That old Indian rascal, Dough, has full of prunes up to the neck, is on the rampage again, I see. I guess it's true that the only good Indian is a dead Indian. Bryce—But did you ever know a real mean Indian to die?—Spirit.

## Australis of the Future.

I confess that when I consider this charming young nation, with its romantic past and its most attractive future prospects, I feel a little thrill comparable to that with which I watched the fortunes of the water in the Westworth valley; so full of surprises must its life be—so splendid in its ventures, in its fearlessness, in its joyous seeking of danger, in its bold plunges into mid-air, in its enjoyment of the calm prosperity of peaceful moments, and in its readiness to progress to new adventures and conflicts. Its future is hidden, like the stream in the forests at the bottom of the gorge, but the sea is far away still for the young mountain torrent, and the long course is full of fair scenes and great experiences.

## Cardinal Newman had a quiet humor

with which he baffled most who sought to engage him in argument which he thought would be unprofitable, or at inconvenient times. He once said to an English clergyman who called upon him, determined to force him to say what he thought he would say: "I am not a man of words."